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NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION SUBCOMMITTEE - MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 11, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 156-A
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Rep. Richard Mangus; Mike Carnahan; Randy Edgemon; Gary Reding.

Members Absent: Rep. Mark Kruzan, Chair; Sen. Vi Simpson; Kerry Michael Manders; John Walker.

Randy Edgemon, filling in as Chair of the Non-Point Source Pollution Subcommittee for Rep. Kruzan, called the meeting to order.

Subcommittee members identified the key issues related to non-point source pollution, including the following: (1) existing sediment issues; (2) agricultural run-off; (3) air deposition; (4) construction run-off; (5) faulty septic systems; and (6) transportation spills.

Subcommittee members then discussed possible alternatives to deal with the key issues, including the following: (1) develop stricter guidelines for prioritizing programs; (2) develop a more formal process for evaluating and sharing information; (3) improve coordination and communication among agencies, association, and citizen groups; (4) expand the watershed approach; (5) expand efforts to control known sources; (6) accelerate the redevelopment of brownfields to reduce urban sprawl and its impact on the environment; and (7) educate and inform the public as to the importance of this issue.

Mr. Edgemon indicated that he would draft a report to provide to the Environmental Quality Service Council at the June 18, 1998 meeting. Mr. Edgemon then adjourned the meeting.